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SUBJECT: SCHEDULED SERVICES HONG KONG- TOKYO- US FOR TMA

REF: BEIRUT 2935

1. ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR FORMALLY SUMMONED OH CHEIF, ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT, LEBANESE FOREIGN OFFICE ON ABOVE SUBJECT. STATING HE WAS ACTING UPON INSTRUCTIONS FROM LEBANESE FOREIGN MINISTER, CHEIF, ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT REFERRED TO ALLEGED INCONSISTENCY UNDEOQWHICH PANAM HAS LANDIVHPRIGHTS IN HONG KON WHEREAS TMA DOES NOT EVEN THOUGHT LANGUAGE ICVAGREEMENTS COVERING THESE RIGHTS IN ESSENTIALLY IDENTICAL. LEBANESE HIGH AVIATION COUNCIL, HE ADDED, HAD PLANNED TO TAKE UP THIS MATTER AT ITS NEXT MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF " ELIMINATING THIS INCONSISTENCY," BUT IT HAD BEEN DECIDED TO DELAY ACTION " FOR SOME TIME" IN THE HOPE THAT THE INCONSISTENCY WOULD BE CORRECTED ON THE AMERICAN SIDE.

2. COMMENT: FOREIGN OFFICE HAS NOW GONE FORMALLY

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ON NOTICE THAT ACTION WILL BE TAKEN TO PREVENT PAN AMERICAN FLYING FROM BEIRUT TO HONG KONG UNLESS US TAKES NECESSARY STEPS ENABLE TMA EXERCISE LANDING RIGHTS IN HONG KONG AS WELL. THIS ACTION OBVIOUSLY INSPIRED BY TMA PRESIDENT ABU- HAIDAR WHO IN ALL PROBABILITY DOES HAVE ENOUGH INFLUENCE WITH REL TO OBTAIN ADVERSE ACTION AGAINST PANAM, PARTICULARLY IN A SITUATION IN WHICH HIS ARGUMENTS SEEM TO BE BASED ON RELATIVELY SOLID GROUNDS. IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR OWN INTERESTS, THEREFORE, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS REVIEW OF US POSITION ON TMA LANDING RIGHTS IN HONG KONG IN THE HOPE THAT A FAVORABLE DECISION COULD BE REACHED BEFORE COUNTER-MEASURES ARE IMPOSED ON PAN AMERICAN.

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